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Applicant: Dirk Hogan  
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Commissioner for Patents  
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**RESPONSE**

Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed September 23, 2005, please amend the application as follows and consider the remarks set forth below.

**Amendments to the Claims** begin on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 7 of this paper.